

REGULAR MEETING
ENFORCEMENT AND RESOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
JUNE 27, 2007 – 3:00 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: VICE-CHAIRPERSON Cara Thunder called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Roll Call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Washinawatok, Toni Caldwell, Walter Cox (late), Robert Summers, Lynette Miller and Gary Schuettpelz. MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Besaw (excused), Mark Waukau, Barbara Nelson. Also present: Warren Warrington, Muriel Madosh, Richard Dodge and Brian Tepiew.

2. Moment of Silence: A moment of silence was observed.

3. Approval of Minutes dated May 30, 2007:

The committee was informed that the correct title for the junk car ordinance is junk “yard” ordinance.

MOTION MADE BY LYNNETTE MILLER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES DATED MAY 30, 2007. SECOND WAS BY GARY SCHUETTPELZ. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. MOTION CARRIED: 4 FOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTENTION (WASHINAWATOK) AND 4 ABSENT (BESAW, WAUKAU, NELSON AND COX).

MOTION MADE BY GARY SCHUETTPELZ TO SUSPEND THE AGENDA AND TAKE UP ITEM #11-REVIEW MONTHLY REPORTS. SECOND WAS BY ROBERT SUMMERS. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. MOTION CARRIED: 5 FOR, 0 OPPOSED, 0 ABSTENTIONS AND 4 ABSENT (BESAW, WAUKAU, NELSON AND COX).

11. Review Monthly Reports:

Toni Caldwell-Prosecutor informed the Committee that the court software will be including her office. They will be looking for interns to load the case files.

The Committee wanted to know how it is determined if the client on probation is complying with their community service officers. William Beauprey-Probation Director informed the Committee that it is up to the job site to take the responsibility of informing the department if the client is reporting in or not.

Richard Dodge wanted to know how many junk car citations were issued last month and wanted to know why these citations are not reported in the tribal newspaper. Mr. Dodge will contact Menominee Nation News to get these citations published.

MOTION MADE BY KAREN WASHINAWATOK TO RETURN TO THE AGENDA. SECOND WAS BY WALTER COX. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. MOTION CARRIED: 6 FOR, 0 OPPOSED, 0 ABSTENTIONS AND 3 ABSENT (BESAW, WAUKAU AND NELSON).

4. LaMotte Lake Access request update.

Walter Cox informed the Committee that the Legislature deleted # 12 and changed the initials of the LaMotte Lake Property Owners Association.

5. Brownsfield Update.

No action required at this time. Gary Schuettepelz informed the Committee that they were informed today that the EPA has been granted permission to sample the wild rice to insure that there is no contamination.

6. Menominee Tribal Police Department/Policies and Procedures: Records Dept.

The Committee reviewed the policies and made some grammatical changes. Muriel Madosh will update the policies with the changes and bring them back to the committee for approval.

7. Probation and Parole Ordinance (#94-01): Review and Recommendations.

The Probation Department would like to amend the ordinance to include a parole board. Currently, there is no process or procedure to release a prisoner but by requesting to see the sentencing judge. Mr. Beauprey will sit down with the legal department to work out the details and bring this item back to the committee for approval.

Motion made by Lynnette Miller to table the Probation and Parole Ordinance and to come back with the recommendations. Second was by Robert Summers. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (Besaw, Nelson and Waukau).

8. Arrest Procedures.

Warren Warrington informed the Committee that the changes requested were made and are ready for approval to the Legislature.

Motion made by Gary Schuettepelz to approve the Menominee Tribal Police Department Arrest Procedures and forward them to the Tribal Legislature. Second was by Robert Summers. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (Besaw, Nelson and Waukau).

9. Proposed Parking Citation Ordinance.

The draft ordinance will be presented when ready. Parking tickets can still be issued under Ordinance 85-21.

Motion made by Lynnette Miller to remove the Proposed Parking Citation Ordinance from the agenda until it is ready. Second was by Robert Summers. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (Besaw, Nelson and Waukau).

10. Dog Issue in Neopit.

Motion made by Robert Summers to table this item until it is ready. Second was by Lynnette Miller. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (Besaw, Nelson and Waukau).

12. Other Business.

Brian Tepiew had several concerns that he brought forth to the Committee:

ATV vehicles – there is no education and kids are racing around at night with no lights, no helmets and riding on the highways. The police department has applied for a grant to obtain some ATV's. Before any education program could be implemented; the Tribe needs to get a vehicle.

49's and what the Tribe will be doing this year – Mr. Warrington informed the Committee that the police department will not allow any gathering of any vehicles.

Election signs are still up and why are people allowed to have their signs up.

Fingerprints – Fingerprints are taken at the crime scene, yet no arrests are ever made. Mr. Tepiew suggested that the officers use their camera phones to take pictures before someone is arrested to confirm the identity

Cameras in the projects – the cameras were obtained thru a housing grant. Mr. Tepiew was referred to the Housing Committee.

Crime Victims program – who benefits from this program. The State of Wisconsin funds this program and it does not pay for any property damage. It only covers loss of wages and property that the police confiscated for evidence purposes.

The Committee discussed the changes that the Legislature made to the Controlled Substance Ordinance. Banishment, sentencing, burden of proof, ownership and changing the penalties for marijuana (being a lesser charge) were discussed.

13. Adjournment.

Motion made by Karen Washinawatok/Robert Summers to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, Recorder
Legislative Staff